

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Azimuth brake for wind power plants, comprising:

at least two pairs of brake shoes adapted to be arranged at a common brake disk and each having an actuator associated therewith, each actuator including:

a lever that is adapted to be pivotable about an axis extending normal to a plane of the brake disk, and

a transmission for translating the pivotal movement of the lever into an axial engaging movement of the brake shoes against the brake disk, and

a common drive mechanism for coupling the levers of the actuators of said at least two pairs ~~each pair~~ of brake shoes, said common drive mechanism including a first element engaged with one lever and which moves in a first direction to pivot the one lever and a second element engaged with the other lever and which moves in a second direction opposite to the first direction to pivot the other lever such ~~each common drive mechanism being coupled to two levers in such a way,~~ that each lever will simultaneously act as a counter bearing for the drive mechanism for adjusting the other lever.

2. (Previously Presented) Azimuth brake according to claim 1, wherein each pair of brake shoes has a saddle with the transmission being integrated therein.

3. (Previously Presented) Azimuth brake according to claim 2, wherein the saddles of the at least two pairs of brake shoes, that are associated with a common drive mechanism, are held on a common bracket.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) Azimuth brake according to claim 1, wherein ~~each~~ said common drive mechanism comprises two push rods as said first and second elements that are extendable and retractable in opposite directions and are each pivotally connected to a free end of one of the levers.

6. (Previously Presented) Azimuth brake according to claim 5, wherein the brake shoes are adapted to be adjusted against the brake disk by retracting the push rods.

7. (Previously Presented) Azimuth brake according to claim 1, wherein the levers of the two actuators project in a same radial

direction relative to the brake disk and the transmissions associated therewith operate in opposite senses.

8. (Previously Presented) Azimuth brake according to claim 7, wherein the levers project radially inwardly relative to the brake disk.

9. (Currently Amended) Azimuth brake according to claim 1, wherein ~~at least one~~ said common drive mechanism comprises a spindle drive.

10. (Currently Amended) Azimuth brake according to claim 1, wherein ~~at least one~~ said common drive mechanism comprises an electric motor.